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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : John B. Hoeflich, et al.
FOR : HIGHER OVERALL FLEX GOLF SHAFT
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.196(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed December 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 7, 8, 13, 15-17, 19-21 as follows.

7. (Thrice Amended) A composite golf club shaft comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft comprising a plurality of layers of fiber embedded in a synthetic resin, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt section comprising a substantially cylindrical cross section of relatively larger cross section, which transitions without intervening discontinuities to a tapered intermediate section, said tapered intermediate section tapering without intervening discontinuities to a relatively smaller diameter tip section; said tip section including a portion having an outside diameter of between .330 and .400 inches;
said butt section having an outside diameter between .400 to .540 inches, said